

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

R. BRUCE JOSTEN  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT  
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

1615 H STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20062-2000  
202/463-5310

January 29, 2013

The Honorable Pat Roberts  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Roberts:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region, commends you for introducing the Regulatory Responsibility for our Economy Act of 2013. This legislation would take important steps toward restraining excessive agency power and promoting sound regulatory policy.

The only way to have sound regulations is for agencies to carefully consider their regulatory actions. By taking steps, such as conducting cost-benefit analyses and considering the cost of regulatory alternatives, agencies could reduce the burden on businesses while more effectively achieving regulatory objectives. Further, many existing regulations are outdated or have proven to be ineffective. Agencies should eliminate or modify these flawed or outdated regulations on a periodic basis.

The Regulatory Responsibility for our Economy Act would take these common-sense steps. The Chamber looks forward to working with you on regulatory reform and this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Bruce Josten", written in a cursive style.

R. Bruce Josten